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THE IRISH TREATY.

WARM DEBATE IN DAIL.

DE VALERA HAMPERING PROGRESS.

LONDON, December 21.
The Dail Eireann debate on the Irish treaty, which is becoming very heated has been unexpectedly prolonged. A decision is unlikely before Thursday, but a motion for closure will be necessary to secure the ending of the debate this week and this is sure to provoke further opposition. The speakers yesterday were equally divided as regards supporters and opponents of the treaty. Mr. De Valera's insistence upon secrecy regarding his alternative treaty, which the Dail has already discussed at a three days' private session last week, has hampered the debate.

There was a scene yesterday when Mr. Milroy, supporting the treaty, revealed Mr. De Valera's form of oath, namely "swear to bear true faith and allegiance to the constitution of Ireland and Treaty of Association of Ireland with the British Commonwealth of nations and to recognise the King of Great Britain as head of the associated states." Mr. Milroy said the sole issue was in regard to the two forms of oath. Mr. De Valera said it was shameful to disclose a secret document. Mr. Milroy demanded whether they were going to send the youth of Ireland to a shambles for shadow. Similar warmth characterised the remainder of the debate.

SIGNING OF THE TREATY.

LATER.

Mr. Gavan Duffy recommended the adoption of the treaty "in pursuance of the pledge extorted from him when he signed." There was no alternative to the treaty which gave Ireland a power she had not had for hundreds of years. Mr. Duggan declared that he was not frightened by Mr. Lloyd George when he signed and ridiculed the idea that the delegates had been bluffed.

A TOUCH OF HUMOUR.

LATER.

The most striking speech on the resumption of the Dail debate was that made by Mr. Cosgrave, the Minister for Local Government. He kept the Dail rocking with laughter in an attempt to "laugh the opposition's case out of court." He completely restored the humour of the Dail which was threatening to become stormy and urged that the treaty gave Southerners an opportunity of persuading Northerners to co-operate in giving Ireland her proper place in the world.

Miss MacSwiney, sister of the former Lord Mayor of Cork vehemently attacked the treaty declaring that if ratified she would devote her life to teaching the children of Ireland that the treaty was the greatest treachery in history. The Dail subsequently adjourned.

POLICE BRUSH WITH SINN FEINERS.

LONDON, December 21.

The police pursued a party of Sinn Feiners who kidnapped fifteen alleged deserters from the Irish republican army at Feeny in County Derry. A sharp battle occurred at Crannagh and six Sinn Feiners were killed and twenty wounded. Five Sinn Feiners and thirteen of the kidnapped men were captured, also large quantities of munitions.

AT WASHINGTON.

SINO-JAPANESE DEADLOCK.

RAILWAY WRANGLE CONTINUES.

WASHINGTON, December 21.

The Sino-Japanese negotiations deadlock is due to failure to agree on the question of payment for and the administration of the Tsintao-Tainan railway. A Chinese delegate asserted that the Japanese declined an offer of cash proposed to be spread over payments during twenty years, giving China the option of retiring the debt in ten years' time. The Chinese wanted ten years, with the option of a final settlement after three years, but the Japanese would only concede an option period of five years. The Japanese also wanted a Japanese traffic manager, chief engineer and accountant.

FOCH AND VIVIANI RETURN.

PARIS, December 21.

Marshal Foch and M. Viviani have arrived here from Washington.

RUSSIA AND CHINESE RAILWAY.

LONDON, December 21.

M. Chitoberin has protested against the discussion of the Chinese Eastern railway question by the Washington conference to which Russia was not invited though he expressed willingness to return the railway provided certain guarantees are given by China.

THE DOLLAR.

To-day's closing rate 2/7 1/8.

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THE NAVAL ARGUMENT.

GOOD ADVICE FOR FRANCE.

MR. HUGHES' WISE COUNSEL.

WASHINGTON, December 21.

Mr. Hughes, in a letter to M. Briand couched in the frankest and gravest language, says that the proposed naval agreement is tremendously in favour of France and really doubles the French navy's relative strength. He feels therefore that the proposal of France to build ten new capital ships suggests a programme of such magnitude as to raise the greatest difficulties. "In fact," Mr. Hughes continues, "I regret to say it would not be possible on this basis to carry through the agreement. It is in the interests of France that we express the hope that her industry and resources will be devoted to her economic recuperation and the enhancement of her prosperity rather than expended in building fighting ships at this time when we are anxious to aid France to effect the full recovery of her economic life. It would be disappointing to be advised that she was contemplating putting a hundred millions into battleships." Finally, Mr. Hughes hopes that the matter, representing perhaps the most critical position yet reached at the conference, may satisfactorily be adjusted.

FRANCE'S "IRREDUCIBLE NECESSITIES."

WASHINGTON, December 21.

Admiral Debon is tabulating the precise figures in regard to the submarine and other light craft to which France will submit to the naval committee on December 22 as the minimum required for defensive purposes. M. Sarraut has declared that the submarine strength of Britain, the United States and Japan cannot be taken as a measure for the French figures which would represent France's irreducible necessities. Admiral Debon said that France gave everything in the war for peace and had not peace. They were giving up their navy now because the American Government asked them. On behalf of the Italian delegation it was stated that Italy's policy would be largely guided by the naval strength allotted to France.

JAPANESE MISSION RECEIVED BY KING.

EXCHANGE OF COMPLIMENTS.

LONDON, December 21.

The King received at Buckingham Palace the Japanese commercial mission which is studying the commerce and industry of Britain. The mission presented an address in which reference was made to the joyous expectation with which all classes in Japan are anticipating the visit of the Prince of Wales. It expressed a heartfelt wish that every success should attend the Prince of Wales's high mission and trusted that H.R.H. when welcomed back home again would bring many happy memories of his visit to Japan. The King, replying, said he had preserved the happiest recollections of his visit to their beautiful land over forty years ago and was delighted to think of the approaching visit of Japan of his dear son the Prince of Wales to which the mission had referred in such gratifying terms. The King added: "It gives great satisfaction to me as also to him that he should have the opportunity of becoming acquainted with your great country endeared to us by so many ties of friendship and alliance and of returning the compliment paid me by the visit of His Imperial Highness the Crown Prince of Japan last May."

AUSTRIA AND CZECHO-SLOVAKIA.

AN IMPORTANT AGREEMENT.

LONDON, December 21.

An important change in European politics has been effected by an agreement concluded between Austria and Czecho-Slovakia at Prague on December 16 marking the entry of Austria into the little entente. The terms of the treaty were read to the National Council at Vienna to-day. Both states are mutually pledged to execute the St. Germain and Trianon peace treaties and to support each other politically and diplomatically with a view to maintaining the peace of Europe and preventing the restoration of the old regime.

RAILWAY FREIGHT REDUCTIONS.

LONDON, December 21.

It is estimated that the reduction in railway freight rates mentioned in yesterday's cables will result in a loss of ten millions sterling to the revenue railways.

MR. LLOYD GEORGE'S CHRISTMAS.

LONDON, December 21.

Mr. Lloyd George's visit to Orkney for Christmas has been abandoned owing to difficulties connected with the arrangements for his departure.

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Asthma, No. 732 for Cough, No. 733
for Bronchitis, No. 734 for Whooping
Cough, No. 735 for Sore Throat,
No. 736 for Stomachic, No. 737 for
Diarrhoea, No. 738 for Dysentery,
No. 739 for Cholera, No. 740 for
Typhoid, No.

Hughes & Hough

AUCTIONEERS TO THE GOVERNMENT
AND ADMIRALTY.

Coal Contractors
General Brokers.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS

The undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction.

ON
FRIDAY,
December 23, 1921, at 2.30 p.m.,
at their Sales Rooms, No. 8,
Des Vieux Road, Corner of
Ice House Street.

MISCELLANEOUS SALE,
Fancy Goods.

Terms:—Cash on delivery.

HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.
Hongkong, December 14, 1921.

FOR SALE.

FOR SALE.—One Oldsmobile Seven
Seater Motor Car, brand new.

6 Cly Hudson wire wheels two spare
wheels and complete Equipment
in thoroughly sound running condition.
For prices & particulars apply
HUGHES & HOUGH,
Auctioneers.

INTIMATIONS.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE.

ON SATURDAY, 24th December,
all Departments will be open for
business until 5 p.m.

A. S. WATSON & CO., LIMITED.
Hongkong, December 21, 1921.

NOTICE.

WE have this day REMOVED our
Office to No. 6, Des Vieux Road,
above the Bank of Canton, Ltd.
ARRATON V. APOAR & CO.
Hongkong, December 6, 1921.

WISEMAN, LTD.

Owing to removal a reduction of

20%

is being made on
Tom Smith's Crackers,
Santa Claus Stockings
and all
Fancy Boxes of Chocolates.

Our stock must be cleared
this week.

Telephone 407.

THE WATER SUPPLY.

Level and Storage of water in reservoirs
on the 1st October, 1921—

CITY AND HILL DISTRICT WATER WORKS	
LEVEL.	1921.
Typhoon 1 ft. 2 in. Below overflow	4 ft. 7 in. Below overflow
Typhoon 2 ft. 2 in. Below overflow	21 ft. 2 in. Below overflow
Typhoon 3 ft. 2 in. Below overflow	8 ft. 8 in. Above overflow
Typhoon 4 ft. 2 in. Below overflow	Level with overflow
Typhoon 5 ft. 2 in. Below overflow	Level with overflow
Wong Nai Chung 3 ft. 2 in. Below overflow	4 ft. 8 in. Below overflow
Wong Nai Chung 4 ft. 2 in. Below overflow	11 ft. 4 in. Below overflow
Wong Nai Chung 5 ft. 2 in. Below overflow	11 ft. 4 in. Below overflow
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Consumption of water in the City
and Hill District in millions and decimals
of gallons during the month of September.

1920.	1921.	m. f.
Consumption	781.47	229.40
Estimated population	280,000	280,000
Consumption per head	2.8	2.8
per day	31.7	31.7

Constant supply in all districts during
September of both 1920 and 1921.

KOWLOON WATER WORKS LEVEL.

1920.	1921.
Kowloon Gravity Level	174.00
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Consumption of water in Kowloon in
millions and decimals of gallons during
the month of September.

1920.	1921.	m. f.
Consumption	105.94	121.00
Estimated population	174,000	174,000
Consumption per head	1.74	1.74
per day	20.9	20.9

The Government Analyst's reports show
that the water is of excellent quality.

Public Works Department.
T. L. FARMER,
Water Authority.

PEAK SCHOOL.

YESTERDAY'S PRIZE GIVING.

The Peak School held its annual
prize day at the Peak Club yesterday
afternoon, when Lady Stubbs dis-
tributed the prizes to the successful
students.

The proceedings opened with a
bright little entertainment provided
by the children. Their performance
was very creditable, and their songs
and recitations were much enjoyed by
all present.

The Club's concert hall was specially
decorated for the occasion, and was
well filled by the parents of the
scholars. Amongst those present were
Sir William Rees-Davies, K.C., and
the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving (Director of
Education.)

The annual report, read by the
Hon. Mr. Irving on behalf of the
Headmistress stated:—

HEADMISTRESS'S REPORT.

Attendance: School opened on
January 10th with 44 pupils and closed
for the year on December 21st with 60
pupils. The attendance has generally
been regular, but, as usual, fell during
the months of May and June to 35.
As in the previous year, afternoon
school was stopped during the summer
months. The Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving,
Director of Education, kindly
offered a prize for the pupil whose
attendance was best for the year. This
has been won by Bessie Blair who
made 25 attendances out of a possible
208.

Health: The health of the pupils
has been excellent, no infectious dis-
ease of any sort having been pre-
valent in the School, although a few
children contracted whooping cough
during the summer holidays and this
delayed their return. The medical
reports have been most favourable
and slight attention to eyes and teeth
in a few cases was all that was re-
quired.

School Building: During the
autumn the infants classes increased
to such an extent that the room
usually devoted to drill and dancing
had to be used as a class room for the
accommodation of the infants.

Staff: In November Miss Cooper
returned to the Bellios School, where
she was formerly acting Headmistress.
Miss Irving and Mrs. Mackintosh
joined the staff in November and
Miss Bowen leaves for home on Decem-
ber 23rd. The Rev. R. Copley
Moyle went on leave during the year;
the Rev. J. T. Holman very kindly
carrying on his duties during his
absence.

Studies: In addition to the ordi-
nary school subject, French has been
taught by Madame Mousson and
drawing by Mrs. McPherson. Many

of the pupils were presented for the
examination of the Royal Drawing
Society in July, with the following
results:—

- Division I., 6 Honours and 4 Passes.
- Division II., 1 Honour, 6 Passes.
- Division III., 3 Passes.
- Division IV., 4 Passes.

A good beginning has thus been
made, and we hope to do even better
this year.

Innovations: A new development
of school-life has been introduced to
the Peak School in the 'Brownies'
and 'Girl Guides.' Under the
leadership of Lady Stubbs and her
assistants—Miss Irving and Miss
Hastings—the Peak School children
have been taught many useful ac-
complishments.

Games and Sports: Physical de-
velopment has been, as last year, in
charge of Miss Macdonald, and good
work is being done. In April by the
kindness of the Hon. Mr. Severn and
Mrs. Severn the annual sports were
held at 'Tanderagee' and a very
successful and enjoyable meeting was
held.

Ministering Children's League: The
girls have worked very hard all year
for the Ministering Children's League
Bazaar and, thanks to Miss Mac-
donald, many dainty articles went
from school to swell the contents of
the Peak Stall.

Prizes: The prizes are fewer than
hitherto, because it is considered not
a good plan to give a child a prize
simply for coming to school. To earn
a prize, now, the pupil must work
diligently and carefully all the year
through.

PRIZE LIST

Form IV.—Bessie Blair, (form prize
and special prize for attendance);
Margaret Cameron, (nature study
and geography, special prize—class
work); May Austin, (arithmetic and
algebra); Kitty Blair, (sewing and
drawing).

Form V.—Theodora Cameron, (form
prize); Fairlie Nicholson, (grammar
and arithmetic); Alison Nicholson,
(recitation, history and geography).

Form VI.—Kenneth Chadwick,
(form prize); Roy Austin, (reading
and arithmetic); Hilary Lowe,
(recitation and history).

Form VII.—Peggy Hornell, (form
prize); Valerie Birse, (writing and his-
tory); Dick Shiner, (composition).

Form VIII.—Dennis Clark, (form
prize); Joan Hornell, (reading and re-
citation); Peter Humphreys, (general
progress); Sibyl Crawford, (number).
Infants A.—Jackie Breakpear,
(number); George Apcar, (reading).

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York.

Under the terms of settlement,
states the *New York World*, the in-
come was to be paid by the trustees
to Lady Randolph Churchill and her
husband, and at her death the prin-
cipal, if she survived him, was to be
divided between her issue. Mr.
Churchill thus receives half the
principal, the other half going to Mr.
John Strange Spencer-Churhill.

Early this year Mr. Churchill re-
ceived an inheritance of about \$5,000
a year through the death of Lord
Herbert Vane-Tempest in a railway
accident in Wales.

Infants B.—Sheila Lang, (conduct).
Infants C.—Eileen Ranger, (conduct
and application).

Infants C.—Nevil Wilson, (recita-
tion); Neil Wilson, (general improve-
ment); Keith Nott, (number); Alan
Comrie, (reading and number).

ROYAL DRAWING SOCIETY RESULTS.
Division I. Honours.—Kitty Blair,
Bessie Blair, Kathleen Phelps, May
Austin, Theodora Cameron and Mar-
garet Cameron.

Division I Pass.—William Loring
and Peggy Humphreys.

Division II. Honours.—Margaret
Cameron.

Division II. Pass.—Kitty Blair
Leo Kokoulevsky, Kathleen Phelps,
Alan Lea k and May Austin.
Division III. Pass.—Kitty Blair,
Bessie Blair, and Kathleen Phelps.
Division IV. Pass.—Kitty Blair,
Bessie Blair and Kathleen Phelps.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

(Reuter's Service to the China Mail.)

THE NAVAL RATIO.

WASHINGTON, December 21st.
Correspondence between Mr. Hughes
and M. Briand with reference to the
French attitude on the naval ratio ques-
tion was officially published by the Secre-
tary of State on December 16th. It re-
capitulated the agreement reached by the
Big Three, cabled on December 16th, and
points out that if France made the same
sacrifices as the other Powers her capital
ship tonnage would be 102,000, but the
Big Three were willing that she should
have 175,000 in order to prevent her scrap-
ping Dreadnoughts. It shows thereafter
that the relative strength sought by
France would actually have become much
less if the Big Three had not entered the
agreement and had continued shipbuild-
ing.

M. Briand wired on December 15th
from London replying to Mr. Hughes.
He defers to the latter's views as regards
capital ships but says that he cannot
accept reductions in defensive ships cor-
responding to those for capital ships as
the former are necessary for the protec-
tion of the colonies.

THE SHANTUNG QUESTION.

WASHINGTON, December 21st.
After the Japanese delegates had de-
clared it necessary to obtain instructions
from Tokyo, regarding the entire Shan-
tung question the Sino-Japanese conver-
sations thereupon were adjourned sine
die without agreement being reached
respecting the control of the Tsingtau-
Tsinanfu Railway.

DUTCH EAST INDIES LOAN.

THE HAGUE, December 21st.
The provisional report of the Second
Chamber Committee on the Dutch East
Indies Loan shows that a group of
members object to the loan in foreign
currency, fearing difficulties regarding
the redemption and payment of interest
in the event of an alteration of exchange.
They also fear that America may tend
to acquire influence in the East Indies
which might entail unfavourable con-
sequences. They considered 75 per cent.
interest too high. The majority are of
opinion, however, that the Bill is the only
means of avoiding too high a floating debt
without excessively inconveniencing the
Netherlands financial market.

BANQUE INDUSTRIELLE.

LONDON, December 21st.
A resuscitation scheme for the Banque
Industrielle de Chine is reported from
Paris. Broadly, it consists of the appli-
cation of money unpaid to France in
connection with the Boxer Indemnity to
the re-establishment of the bank.
A semi-official statement from Paris
declares that the reports are premature.
It says that the matter will be considered
by M. Briand when he returns from
London.

KRUPP'S PROFITS.

BERLIN, December 21st.
Krupp's report shows net profits of
ninety-eight million marks compared with
seventy-nine million last year. Steel pro-
duction reached sixty per cent. of the
pre-war total.

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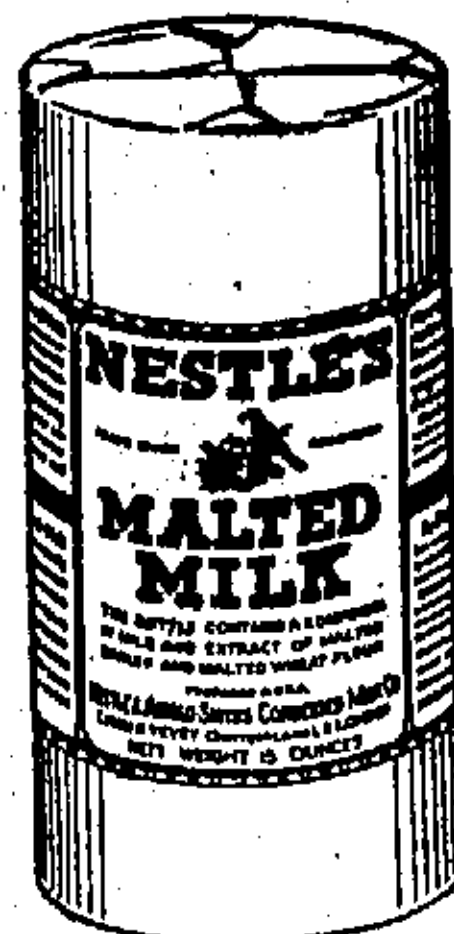
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HONG KONG, THURSDAY, DEC. 22, 1921.

THE CHINESE POST OFFICE.

East and west are twin, and never can meet, according to Kipling. The green book that carries the English and Chinese texts of the report on the working of the Chinese Post Office for 1920, seems to contradict that. For the English report moves forward to page 71, when we meet page 120, the Chinese version having moved towards us all the time from what we would call the last page. The subject matter of the report is a serious contradiction of the too catchy, jingle, for it is obvious that in the matter of postal administration the West has gone out to advise the East, with a foreign staff of 121—and that the East has come a great way towards meeting the West in its notion of efficiency. The recent Washington Conference decision to relieve China of the humiliation of "extra-territorial" post-offices is the best evidence, because it is Western evidence, to convince the sceptical West that meeting has really been achieved. Geographically, east and west actually marry and merge and become one, since the ultimate meridian of east must be the ditto of west. In the deeper and quite sober spiritual sense, Kipling's dictum is as non-sensical as it has been mischievous. East and west are not twin, but one, being shone on and warmed by that same sun whose daily round permits the terms at all. This permission, by the way, like a passport, requires a visa, the visa of paradoxicalism that is to say, of Greenwich. It is, says Dr. Szel, the Austrian psycho-therapist, the dulcet, faintly who feel themselves called upon to be the

illuminators of their times. The journalistic mind thinks the importance (the "news value") of this report is enhanced by the Washington decision, not because of the point we have just made of it, but merely because it brings it into the spot-light of topicality. This is the report of an organization on whose existence was being overlooked, we take it, until the reference at Washington reminded the quidnuncs of its existence. The year 1921 being almost expired and this report being for 1920, we may take it that but for the Washington Conference the same type of mind would have considered it not news. For those journalistic minds (which are not confined to journalists) Queen Anne is only dead because she died so long ago. The *Daily Yell* will willingly report her death afresh, with headlines, if some excruciating incident can be found to serve as chapter, such as that last night at 11.45 Lord Northcliffe stubbed his toe on the steps of Queen Anne Mansions, or something like that. [Insert picture of Queen Anne, marked with a X, among her roses.] The fact is that the taste for novelty takes pride of place over the passion for truth. The present generation does not ask what is true so often as it asks "What's in it for me?" and the journalism that has fostered that by pandering to it has become the slave of the monster it has created. Even Mr. Macdonald's sermons, to tell the old, old story, must be made topical, up-to-date. This phenomenon shares the same cause that is behind Reuter's ideas of what must interest us. If a thing is being talked about, if it figures in the headlines of the day, that thing will Reuter and us, though a dozen more important items of news be kept from us. Now as to this Chinese Post Office report, the whole contents of which would take seven or eight hours to read, and so many weeks of concentrated study to digest, we are in for the impression that some of it is due to the journalistic type of

mentality. We may be wrong, and it may be relevant and necessary evidence, to translate the 400 millions of articles posted into 204 million kilos of weight. The writer of it, indeed, goes so far as to tell us that "the expansion in the parcel traffic can be gauged more accurately by comparing the gross weight rather than the total number of parcels posted." If placed end to end—but at least we are spared that. The really important things are that the Chinese Post Office is being honestly and efficiently managed, and is every year getting more business, as the public confidence in it grows by satisfied experience. If that is not true, what good are all these statistics? If we believe it to be true, we do not need them, and in any case could not possibly remember them. The number of *China Mail* readers likely to be really desirous of them cannot be large; we may therefore save time, space, and trouble by offering to circulate our copy of this report among those who apply for the loan of it. This we do.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

Ladies are requested to send in their names and addresses for free inclusion in the Dollar Directory.

The exchange banks will be closed for public business on Monday and Tuesday, December 26 and 27.

There is another dance at the Kowloon Theatre to-night. Get your ticket at Montre's or you may miss the bus.

One British (imported) case of paratyphoid was reported during the 24 hours ended yesterday and there were two Chinese cases of cerebro spinal fever.

Suffering from injuries received by being knocked down by a tram car in Causeway Bay, a 12-year old Chinese boy was yesterday afternoon removed to the Government Civil Hospital for treatment. His injuries are not serious.

Schemes have been prepared by the Public Works Bureau of Haitian to improve the highways in the island. Along the Leach at Hai-kow will be constructed a bund for the purpose of facilitating business transactions of the community.

We are asked to remind our readers that there will be a Cinematograph display for children at the Helena May Institute to-morrow afternoon, December 23, at 5 p.m. which is open to members of the institute, their children and their friends.

A Chinese merchant of No. 26, Connaught Road Central yesterday entrusted one of his *sokis* with \$1,000 to pay to a firm in Des Voeux Road Central. The money had not been paid, and the *soki* did not return. A warrant has been issued for the man's arrest, and the police have a description of him.

A Chinese woman living at No. 22, Caine Road reports to the police that about 9.30 yesterday morning she had her Chinese watchman, aged about 52 years, removed to the Government Civil Hospital by motor ambulance, suffering from opium poisoning which had been self administered. The man died soon after admittance.

The Imports and Exports Office will be entirely closed on Sunday, December 25, and Sunday, January 1. It will be open for all purposes till noon on Monday, December 26 and Monday, January 2, and for payment of liquor and tobacco duties only on Tuesday, December 27. Licensed warehouses will be entirely closed on those dates.

A Chinese youth reports to the police that yesterday afternoon he was sent from Wyndham Street to deliver a parcel of clothing at a house in Wanchai. On the way down, he was accosted near the Wellington Barracks by two men who engaged him in conversation. One of them told him that he was a stranger in Hong-kong and asked him to change a bundle of notes for him. He agreed, and handed over the parcel of clothing as security. When he opened the bundle of notes at the money changer's, he discovered that he had been "had." He went back to where the men had promised to wait for him, but they were gone. The police have circumscribed the pawnshops with regard to the stolen clothing.

All firms clubs, etc., who have not yet returned particulars for insertion in the Dollar Directory are requested to do so immediately to No. 6 Wyndham Street. Particulars of new firms, etc., will be gladly received for free inclusion in the Directory.

SPECIAL CABLES.

OUR NEW G.O.O.

DUE HERE JANUARY.

[China Mail Special.]

SINGAPORE, December 21. Major-General Malcolm, the new officer commanding troops in the Straits Settlements arrived here today.

Major-General Fowler, who has been appointed to command the troops in China proceeds to Hongkong early in January.

SMALL FOX.

THE SHANGHAI OUTBREAK.

POPULAR MUSICIAN DEAD.

[China Mail Special.]

SHANGHAI, December 22. Small fox is rife here among both foreigners and Chinese, and it is reckoned to be the worst outbreak since 1917. The latest foreign victim is Mr. Albert Alexander, the popular drummer of the Carlton Cafe orchestra, who died yesterday in the Isolation Hospital. Dr. Noel Davis again strongly urges vaccination.

WOMEN IN CHINA.

GENEVE DELEGATE'S ADDRESS.

At the Helena May Institute yesterday, an address entitled "Women and Children in Industry" was delivered by Miss Zung Wai-tung, who recently attended the Working Women's Congress, and the International Labour Conference, held under the aegis of the League of Nations at Geneva.

Miss Zung explained that the Women's Congress was not held under the League of Nations, but the working women of the world thought it would not be fair for men to decide so many questions in regard to women and children; and so the women gathered themselves together to discuss the same matters that would be brought before the International Labour Conference, with a few other subjects peculiar to their sex.

As to her own position as representative of China, Miss Zung said that China was unofficially represented. The Y.W.C.A., by whom she was sent, was not a working women's organization; but last year the Working Women's Federation sent an invitation to China, asking that country to send a representative of its working women's organizations, through the Y.W.C.A. Probably everyone knew that at present there were no working women's organizations in China in the true sense of the term. There were guilds, but no organizations as understood by the West. Miss Zung read the Federation's invitation to China, which touched on the reforms being sought in the West, including shorter hours, abolition of night work, and provision for proper weekly rest. Miss Zung confessed that she felt, as any other Chinese man or woman would have felt, ashamed when she heard, at Geneva, representatives of nations smaller and much less important than China report what had been done for their women manual workers. When she was asked to up and say a few words about conditions in China, she told them what she knew. She could not tell them very happy stories if such were not true and in recounting the operation of regulations for the benefit of women workers in China her task was quite simple, because there were no regulations.

Miss Zung said she was very happy, arriving from Europe three days ago, to touch at this part of the country. The first thing she heard was that the British Government here and the Hongkong people, including Chinese, had already done much to improve the conditions of the workers, especially in one particular—child labour. If she had known that before she went to Geneva she could have taken the message from here to the Congress and perhaps the delegates from other countries would have been happier. She felt glad to think that her countrywomen and children living in this Colony had the benefit of protective legislation. She looked for the time when China would do similarly and trusted that day was not distant. With the example of this Colony and of Canton before them she felt that other parts of China would follow.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock moved a vote of thanks to the lecturer, which was carried with applause.

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BRITISH LEGION.

THE RECENT CONTROVERSY.

TACTFUL SPEECH BY PRESIDENT.

ROOM FOR EVERYBODY.

QUERY ABOUT VOLUNTEERS.

Those who had expected a lively debate at last night's meeting of the British Legion were disappointed. That this was so was due chiefly to the admirably tactful speech made by the Chairman (Brig. General Macnaghten) in opening the proceedings. Brig. General Macnaghten, who is the President of the Hongkong branch of the Legion, made it quite clear, when referring to the recent formation of an "Active Service Men's Association" that to him there appeared no reason why Legion members eligible to join it should not do so, and vice versa.

The Chairman explained at the outset that in what he had to say he would be expressing only his own sentiments and would not be committing the committee in any way. At the first general meeting he asked any who thought of bringing up any controversy or discussion to seriously consider the advisability of doing so, lest such discussion should prejudice the prospects of the British Legion at its commencement. He was grateful and was so still because no one spoke although he was well aware a good many were "itching to let drive." Since then he had been aware that several ex-servicemen for some reason or other had not joined the British Legion and he realised that in an Association of this kind one could not possibly please everybody. Since the commencement of the Legion it had found many generous friends and had been able to do a lot of good to ex-servicemen and their wives and families who were down and out. I was away from Hongkong in November and was rather disappointed on my return to find this somewhat acrimonious correspondence had taken place in the local press. I did think that anybody in the British Legion who had a grouse, before embarking in a campaign of that kind could have come to me or to any member of the committee of the Legion first and then, if not satisfied, by all means go to the newspapers. Instead, a correspondence was started in the papers which has done the British Legion no earthly good. I do not think I have the honour of knowing "Ypres" and I sincerely hope he will shortly reveal himself to me because I have much sympathy with his sentiments and congratulate him on the way he put his case—it was very lucid and very clear—but I think he has made one very great mistake, it seems to me that he jumped to the conclusion that we had formed our own rules for the British Legion without in any way considering the rules and regulations which govern other similar associations in England. He was quite wrong if he thought that. There is not a single member who is not entitled to be one except one member of the regular forces. I am afraid we shall have to ask that gentleman to withdraw.

"I have much sympathy with 'Ypres' and other gentlemen who have similar sentiments and if Earl Haig had entrusted me with the task of forming the rules I think I should have been sorely tempted to make them a little more exclusive. But he did not ask me, nor 'Salient', who incidentally is not a member of the British Legion. I think you must allow that there was a good deal of hot air expended to no purpose, to the detriment of the British Legion, and that correspondence was based on a misconception as to how our rules were framed out here. Before I became a business man I was in the army for 29 years. I never met a man who had the interests of the fighting man so absolutely at heart as Earl Haig. Those rules and regulations governing the constitution of the British Legion, have been approved by the President Earl Haig, and I do not think it is up to us to criticise him. If they are good enough for him surely it's not up to us to criticise them in any way.

Let us forget that somewhat ill advised correspondence in the papers and remain loyal to the British Legion. By doing so I think we shall be falling in with the wishes of the President at home.

On December 18 there was a meeting of active service men for the purpose of forming an active service men's association and I would like to thank Mr. E. H. Wilson, who opened the proceedings, for his remarks—I think I must have them correctly, the Hongkong papers are always correct. Mr. Wilson remarked: "They had no antagonism to the British Legion and did not wish to encroach on its organization." I am grateful for that for I see no earthly harm in any one of us who are members of the British Legion becoming a member of that association. At home the British Legion flourishes and yet they have

their smaller association where there is an "Ypres" League and many others of the kind.

"It has been suggested that ex-servicemen are not sufficiently represented on the committee and that the cabaret dance we had was a mistake. As to representation, I would remind you that members of the committees realising that they had been elected in a hurry volunteered, individually and collectively, to resign, so honestly you cannot say it is our fault we are here now. If there is any grievance you will have an opportunity at the annual meeting next month of putting things right. Personally, I shall be only too glad to hand over to the gentleman whom you elect as my successor and I can assure him of my very hearty support as a member of the British Legion. I am convinced that that is the opinion of the other members of the committee.

"When the cabaret dance was over I was extraordinarily pleased and very disappointed afterwards to find that it was criticised. If you look through the rules from home you will find that any gentlemen or ladies who are in sympathy with the objects can be honorary members of the Legion and surely, gentlemen, there can be no harm in our occasionally entertaining our friends—friends of the British Legion who have our aims and objects at heart and especially those who have contributed considerably to our finance and without whose aid we should not have been able to help those ex-servicemen and their dependants as we have been able to do in the last nine months. I think that in all this discussion people have rather lost sight of the fact that we are not here so much for dinner and dance as to help ex-servicemen who are down and out."

"You know the British Legion is more or less committed to entertain H. R. H. the Prince of Wales when he comes to Hongkong and I do hope that when he comes he will not find the British Legion a house divided against itself. We shall wish to do him well and I do hope he will find a British Legion that is working together when he comes. I say once more that I see no harm in any man joining the Active Service Men's Association, if eligible to do so, but he can surely be a loyal member of both."

Brigadier General Macnaghten quoted from a telegram received from H.M.S. "Renown" which made it clear that the Prince contemplated meeting members of the British Legion and concluded by repeating the aspiration that the Prince when he came would find the British Legion working together and not at sixes and sevens—(Applause).

Following the Chairman's speech there was a brief discussion when Mr. A. M. Bowes Smith wanted to be told whether a Hongkong Volunteer was an ex-serviceman and eligible to join the Legion. Mr. Murdoch could see no reason why volunteers should not be permitted to help ex-servicemen and Mr. D. J. Lewis thought it equally reasonable that ex-servicemen should help volunteers.

Mr. Bowes Smith confided later that if it was decided to admit local volunteers he would lose interest in the Legion. If all the Hongkong volunteers joined they would be able, he pointed out, to turn the ex-servicemen into a minority. He thought the wide scope of membership of the Legion was due to the fear of the home authorities that the ex-servicemen might get too much power.

Col. Bird put in that at least 50 per cent of the local volunteers were "pukka" ex-servicemen so that with their support the ex-servicemen would not be flooded.

The Chairman agreed with the Secretary (Mr. H. K. Holmes) that volunteers called up under Royal Proclamation were serving with the colours whether they carried a musket one day and used a pen in their offices the next.

Finally it was decided to write home for a definition of an ex-serviceman and the Chairman then proceeded to move that the constitution of the British Legion be accepted. This was agreed to and Messrs. S. H. Ross and Spier were then appointed as auditors.

Just before the meeting dispersed a member who felt gratified that they had got through "without loss of blood" got up to ask whether "these diards could not be induced to come back to the fold." Was it the case that men who served in the war were, generally speaking, all members of the British Legion in Hongkong?

The Chairman: Nearly all the members have served in the war, but we have not got in the Legion all the

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"WA SUN" PIRACY.

SEVERAL CASUALTIES REPORTED.

Held up by pirates near Shan Mi on Sunday, the river steamer "Wa Sun" came back to Hongkong last night. Details furnished by the Captain show that the pirates' haul amounted to about \$25,000 and that several people were wounded.

The affair took place when the ship was about to weigh anchor at Ma Kung which is about seven miles from Shan Mi. A shot was fired on board and immediately afterwards the ship was in confusion. The four piracy guards resisted the intruders who evidently came aboard from some of the small boats that surrounded the steamer and shots were exchanged. Three of the guards were wounded, and after that the pirates took charge. The Captain was hustled into the wheelhouse and one of the gang, who was evidently an experienced seaman, took charge of the wheel.

While the "Wa Sun" was being taken to Fau Lo Kong, the pirates went through the passengers and ransacked the ship. After the ship had been taken close to the shore the pirates went ashore in a lifeboat and disappeared. The Captain then resumed command of his vessel and took her to Shanmi.

At one time while the pirates were in charge the Captain says, the "Wa Sun" was in serious danger of foundering as heavy weather was encountered and the pirates had left the portholes open. However, when the danger was pointed out to them, they began to set things right.

Two of the injured guards were left in hospital at Shanmi. At Ma Kung two of the passengers were wounded while going ashore in a small boat. They refused to stop when the pirates directed them to return, and a volley was fired at them.

SNATCHING.

A LUCKY CAPTURE.

For snatching a handbag from Miss F. C. Wu of St. Paul's Girls' School, in Wing Lok Street, yesterday afternoon, a Chinese youth was this morning sentenced by Magistrate Lindsell to 12 months' hard labour and 12 strokes of the birch.

A Chinese detective said he heard Miss Wu call out "Snatching" and chased the defendant. Defendant dropped the handbag on the pavement, and dodging round the public latrine in the middle of the street, ran up Hillier Street. Here another detective met the defendant, who ran back through the latrine and made for the Praya. The witness tripped him. They then took him back to Wing Lok Street where the witness's *foki* recovered Miss Wu's handbag from the pavement.

HONOURING NEW CHINESE M.L.C.

A HAPPY BANQUET.

At the Kung Woo Hotel, Shek Tong-chai, last night, the Hon. Mr. Chow Shou-son was the guest of the Chinese General Chamber of Commerce, the members of which gave a banquet in his honour, to celebrate his recent appointment as an Unofficial member of the Legislative Council, representing the Chinese community. The Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Chairman of the Chamber, and senior Chinese M.L.C. presided. About 150 Chinese business and professional men were present, including Sir Robert Ho Tung. The toasts "The King" and "The President of the Chinese Republic" were enthusiastically honoured. A complimentary speech was made by the Chairman, and the guest answered suitably. Mr. L. Yik Mui took the opportunity of expressing thanks, on behalf of all present, to the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak for the invaluable work he had done for the Chinese as senior M.L.C. and Chairman of the Chamber. It was altogether a very happy function.

men who served in the war; I wish we had.

The questioner said he thought that in that case they should make an attempt to bring everybody in and to find out why some men kept out.

A suggestion came from the Rev. H. Clouston Perri to the effect that the meeting might well be held something about the philanthropic work done by the Legion and the Chairman said that that would be touched on at the annual meeting. If any member wanted information about the Legion's charitable acts he could see the Secretary's books but for obvious reasons they could not publish the names of those who had been enlisted.

After that the meeting terminated.

LEAGUE OF NATIONS.

ADDRESS BY MR. POLLOCK.

"The League of Nations, its aims and objects" was the formidable subject tackled by the Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., in an address given at the St. Andrew's Church Men's Association, at Kowloon last night. The Rev. G. R. Lindsay presided.

In apologising for the paucity of the information he had to lay before the meeting Mr. Pollock remarked that he had found it extremely difficult to collect information as to the League and its achievements. Nevertheless, the speaker had been able to compile a digest of the League of Nations Covenant which occupied upwards of an hour in delivery. He reminded the meeting that the League of Nations arose from the Peace Conference at Versailles and gave the names of the "High Contracting Parties," or in non-diplomatic language, the countries subscribing to the covenant. The most notable non-signatory to the League was the United States of America, whose abstention had naturally impaired its influence and effectiveness. Neither Germany nor Hungary had yet applied for admission (which they could do under Article 1) and the League now consisted of 51 members.

The great and important objects of the League were declared, in striking language, as "to promote international co-operation and to achieve international peace and security by the observance of obligations not to resort to war." Other clauses spoke of "the principle of open, just and honourable relations between nations," the "firm establishment of international law as the actual rule of conduct among Governments" and "scrupulous respect for all treaty obligations in the dealings of organised peoples with one another." Observance of international law, Mr. Pollock remarked, would do away with abuses of the white flag, sinking of hospital and passenger ships and firing on field hospitals, and the use of poison gas.

He proceeded to summarise the articles of the Covenant and called attention to those of special importance, among others, Article 8, which dealt with the reduction of armaments and private manufacture of munitions. The members of the League undertook at the end of Article 8 to interchange full and frank information as to the scale of their armaments, warlike preparations, etc. In Article 13 members agreed to carry out in good faith any award of the League. The penalty for a member of the League who broke the covenant was set out in Article 16. The other members agreed to subject that nation to severance of all trade or financial relations and to prohibit all intercourse. Article 18 was aimed against secret treaties and provided for all treaties being registered with the Secretariat of the League. Article 23 faced various labour, economic, trade and health problems and proposed international conventions with regard thereto.

A little information must now be given said Mr. Pollock, as to some of the achievements of the League; it was necessarily very incomplete and in this connection it must be borne in mind that the League had only been in existence just over two years. A permanent Court of International Justice had been set up, the British representative was Lord Finlay. A new convention had been framed to suppress the traffic in women and children, and a Commission appointed to deal with the mandates question. Relaxations in restrictions of passengers' passports had been procured. A great deal had been accomplished on the philanthropic side of the League's activities in bringing some relief to a war-stricken Continent.

Through Dr. Naessén's Committee, 385,000 War prisoners had been repatriated at a cost of £400,000. Measures had been taken through the League to check the spread of typhus in Eastern Europe; also to restrict the sale of opium. Another benevolent matter had been the setting up of a National Home for Armenians, free from Turkish control. The League had also taken such steps as it could towards the restoration of the international credit of Austria.

The League had also dealt with the intricate Upper Silesia Question. Useful work had been done by the League in connection with the International Labour Bureau, in regard to dangerous trades, etc. As to the limitation of armaments, there had been a disposition to leave that subject to the Washington Conference. The air question and the submarine question and the limitation of land forces and armaments still, however, awaited solution. The League proposed shortly to convene a World Conference to deal with the private manufacture of armaments and the traffic in arms, and had passed a resolution in favour of "earnest and vigorous propaganda in all countries for the reduction of armaments."

On the whole, it might be said that the achievements of the League showed that an appreciable amount of good and solid work had been

done. But much yet remained to be done, and it was necessary for the future welfare of the human race and the restoration of peace and plenty that a determined and organised effort be made to secure world-wide co-operation between the nations for the general good of all.

Asking finally, what form world-wide co-operation could take, Mr. Pollock remarked that some of the proposals made in the Covenant of the League of Nations supplied, in part, the answer; but they were weakened by the fact that important states were not members of the League. The provisions of the League to become really effective needed behind them the driving force of the educated public opinion of the peoples concerned. Mr. Pollock concluded by urging the development of education in the absolute economic vastness of warfare and its uselessness even from the victors' point of view. He laid stress, also, on the interdependence of the nations, the need for thinking internationally and the desirability of international free trade.

Some questions were asked and answered at the close of the address and then Mr. Pollock was given a hearty vote of thanks.

ARMS CASE.

A PASSENGER WHO HAD TIME TO LEARN LAW.

An elderly Chinese was charged before Magistrate Lindsell this morning with the unlawful possession, on the Hantak wharf, of a "Colt" pistol. Defendant said that he had returned from America, where he had lived many years, and did not know local regulations.

The police said that the pistol was found tucked round the defendant's waist when he was searched on the wharf prior to boarding a ship to return to the country.

Magistrate (to defendant): What ship did you come by?

Defendant (after some hesitation): Blue Funnel.

When did she come in?

Defendant (after another pause): I came back about a year ago.

Magistrate: Oh! and you had the revolver all that time?—Yes.

You carry it about with you always?—Yes. I am afraid of robbers.

The police said that they did not suspect the defendant of being a bad character. No ammunition was found on him.

\$100 fine, and the pistol confiscated.

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EXEMPLARY PENALTY.

Yah Mohamed, an unemployed Indian watchman was charged before Magistrate Lindsell this morning with the unlawful possession, at Mody's godown, No. 192, Praya East, of one German automatic pistol and 49 rounds of ammunition.

Defendant admitted possession and said that the contraband had been given to him to keep by another Indian who had returned to Bombay.

Mr. D. Barlingham, A.S.P., pressed for the maximum penalty. He said that the defendant had been detained by Sergeant Kelly for depopulation as a vagabond.

Remarking to the defendant that trafficking in arms was a serious offence, the Magistrate passed the maximum penalty of 12 months' hard labour.

SUMMARY OF AUCTIONS.

TO-MORROW'S SALES.

Hughes and Hough: Fancy Goods, at Sales Rooms, 2.30 p.m.

TO-DAY'S

ADVERTISEMENTS.

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Christmas & New Year Holidays.

THIS Department will be entirely closed on SUNDAY, the 25th December, 1921, and 1st January, 1922. It will be open for all purposes till 12 noon on MONDAY the 26th December, 1921, and 2nd January, 1922, and for payment of Licenses and Tobacco Duties only on TUESDAY, the 27th December, 1921. License Warehouse will be entirely closed on those dates.

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Hongkong, December 21, 1921.

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PARTICULARS and Conditions of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on WEDNESDAY, the 21st day of December, 1921, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of CROWN LAND at Lisard Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 75 years.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

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No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
2	198	Rural Building Lot, No. 198, Opposite Rural Building Lot, No. 197, at Lisard Road.	N. 100 ft. S. 100 ft. E. 100 ft. W. 100 ft.	40,000	1400	1400

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PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale.	Registry No.	Locality.	Boundary Measurements.	Contents in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
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FIVE YEARS FOR VON JAGOW.

BERLIN, December 21.

The sensational conspiracy trial arising out of last year's Kapp insurrection fiasco has ended. The Supreme Court of Leipzig sentenced Von Jagow, formerly police president in Berlin, to five years' imprisonment in the fortress for treason and the other accused, Baron Wangelheim and Doctor Schiele, were acquitted. The trial developed into a skin-saving competition, witnesses, including General Ludendorff, fearing implication in the insurrection, endeavouring to justify their actions. Ludendorff's evidence particularly revealed the hopeless muddle and lack of organisation in which the Kappists wallowed from the start, rendering the venture a forlorn hope.

FRANCO-BRITISH CONFERENCE ENDS.**REPARATIONS ISSUE REFERRED TO SUPREME COUNCIL.**

LONDON, December 21.

As a result of the conversations between Mr. Lloyd George and M. Briand, it has been arranged that the Supreme Council will meet at Cannes to decide the reparations issue in the middle of January. M. Briand is returning to Paris forthwith.

THE REPARATIONS QUESTION.

LATER.

The Anglo-French conference has not reached entire agreement regarding the reports of the financial experts on the reparations question but a sufficient measure of agreement was reached to make the reports a basis for discussion with the other allies. Germany will not be represented at the meeting of the Supreme Council at Cannes but a German representative may be summoned in order to assist in the deliberations.

NAVAL CHANGES.

Vice Admiral Sir Osmond Brock has been appointed commander-in-chief in the Mediterranean in succession to Admiral De Robeck who has been appointed commander-in-chief of the Atlantic fleet. Rear-Admiral Sir George Brand has been appointed to command the first light cruiser squadron.

TIMBER FROM RUSSIA.

CHRISTIANIA, December 21.

The Scandinavian Shipowners' Association has received a warning from its representative in Rotterdam in regard to accepting freights for timber from Russia because recently the timber cargoes of three Scandinavian ships arriving in Holland were seized at the instigation of Dutch timber merchants who asserted that timber of theirs had been stolen by Soviet officials at Archangel.

A BANKING APPOINTMENT.

LONDON, December 21.

Mr. W. E. Preston of the Chartered Bank of India Australia and China has been elected chairman of the committee of the British Overseas Banks Association for the ensuing year.

NOTORIOUS MOPLAH LEADER CAPTURED.

CHICUT, December 21.

Chambrasseri Thangal, a notorious Moplah leader, who advocated the death of all non-Mohammedans has been captured.

SPORT.**FOOTBALL.****UNITED SERVICES LEAGUE.**

Three matches in connection with the above league were played off yesterday. All the teams concerned were from the Navy. Two of the matches were very closely contested, and some good football was witnessed. In the third, the "Tamar" was too strong for the "Merlin" and scored five times without any reply. The "Hawkins" had to play a hard game to secure a win from the "Titania" by the odd goal in three. The men from the "Marazion" put up a stiff fight against the "Ambrose" XI, and lost by the only goal of the match.

INTERNATIONAL MATCH.**IN AID OF CHARITY.**

For the International match England v. Scotland, arranged in aid of charity for December 26, on the Club ground, the following will be the teams:—

England (Whites):—Eve ("Cairo"); Trivett (Wills) and Lt. R. A. Moore (Wills); M. L. Railton (Club) (Captain), Hudson ("Tamar") and Wilkins ("Titania"); Savage ("Ambrose"), Menham (Wills), Swanborough (Wills) and E. G. England (Club).

Reserves: Lelliott (R.G.A.), Hill ("Tamar") and Amor (Wills). Linesman: W. E. Hollands (Police). Scotland (Blues):—G. Rodger (Club); W. G. Gerrard (Club) and J. Rodger (Club) (Captain); Weyman (Kowloon), J. Stewart (Club) and J. W. R. McPhail (Club); H. McTavish (Club), A. Forsyth (Club), Stevenson ("Cairo"), Pearson (Police) and Robertson (Police).

Reserves: J. Clark (Police), Forbes (Police), McClurg ("Cairo") and S. D. Begg (Club).

Referee: Mr. Jones (Royal Navy). Kick off at 4 p.m.

UNITED SERVICES v. SOUTH CHINA.

This match will be played on the Club ground on Tuesday, December 27, kick-off at 4 p.m. The following is the United Services team which will play in blue:—Mitch ("Tamar") (Captain); Burke ("Cairo") and Thomson ("Cairo"); Parker ("Ambrose") Lelliott (R.G.A.) and McClurg ("Cairo"); Hill ("Tamar"), Townsend (R.E.), Grant ("Tamar"), Harris (R.G.A.) and Amor (Wills). Reserves: Warren (Wills), Compand (R.E.) and Batterham ("Ambrose"). Referee: W. E. Hollands (Police). Linesman: Mr. Jones (Navy) and Mr. R. M. Omar (St. Joseph's).

LEAGUE MATCH.**CHINESE v. "TAMAR."**

The following players will represent the S.C.A.A. in their match against the "Tamar" on Saturday, the 24th inst., on the South China ground, at 4 p.m.:—Lau Hing Cheung; Chan So and Feng Tai; Cheng Wing Shing, Leung Tai Fong and Leung Yuk Tong; Lau Tak Chung, Kwok Po Kan, Wong Pak Chung, Ip Kau and Chu Kwong Young.

RUGBY.**ENGLAND v. THE REST.**

For this match which takes place on the Club ground on Saturday, kick-off at 4.15 p.m., the teams will as follows:—

England.—Lt. King; Lieuts. Landale, Freeman, Cobley, Bell, Chevalier and Husson, (Navy); G. G. N. Tinson (Capt.), C. J. Cooper, H. Day, A. G. Lamplugh (Club), Lieuts. Bavis-Brown, Gilbert, Galpin (Navy) H. J. Mortimer (Army). Colours—Blue.

The Rest.—J. D. McClatchie (Club); Lieut. D'Aeth (Navy) A. M. D.

CORRESPONDENCE.**BUT SEE SATURDAY'S "ADVERSARIA."**

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Dear Sir,—The use of the phrase in Monday's *China Mail* "the worst elements in Hongkong" in reference to the meeting of ex-servicemen last Sunday, was singularly unfortunate, as the writer thereof cast a slur not only on all the gentlemen present on that occasion, but also upon the gallant men and officers who fought and died so bravely for his own and other citizens' safety during the years 1914-1918, which I am sure could not have been the commentator's intention.

While the War was on and the soldier was necessary to the arm-chair critic's comfort and welfare, nothing was too good for him both in the press and out of it, now it seems that the press is to abuse the ex-service man as much as it likes with impunity. Is not this attitude a very "mean and dirty" way of returning all that the ex-service men did and gave in the cause of humanity? If a man is not man enough to give these ex-service men (who are the same fellows in mufti as in khaki) credit that used to be thought their due, would it not be better if he merely held his tongue?

Please do not think that I am in any way antagonistic to the writer of the comment in question or that I overlook the fact that every man is entitled to hold what views he pleases, but is it too much to suggest that in a case where a man does not feel able to give approval, he should refrain from endeavouring to do public injury to a good cause, by not saying anything at all.

I am, etc.,

J. E. OLLESTON.

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Referee, Comdr. McEwen, R.N.

TO-DAY'S POLO.**"KOYLI" CUP FINAL.**

The Polo Club and the Army IV meet in the polo final for the "Koyli" Cup this afternoon starting at 4 p.m. sharp, when a good game is anticipated. Lieut. Col. Wyndham and Officers of the Wiltshire Regiment will be at home to their friends on the ground. The Band of the Regiment will be in attendance.

The teams will be as follows:—

Army.—Lieut. R. P. Beaven (1), Lieut. C. Sergeant (2), Lieut. J. M. Dodginton (3), and Major Timmis (back).
Club.—P. A. Cox (1), J. E. H. Bibby (2), J. Bell-Irving (3) and Brig.-Gen. E. B. Macnaghten (back).

GOLF.**BOGEY POOL.**

The result of the Bogey Pool played over the last week-end is as follows:—

H. U. Ireland 2 up.
H. R. Buckland 1 down.
A. H. Ferguson 2 down.
G. M. Dodwell 2 down.

INTERPORT GOLF.**SHANGHAI'S TEAM CHOSEN.**

Mr. D. M. Ross, Hon. Secretary of the Royal Hongkong Golf Club, has received the following telegram from the Secretary of the Shanghai Golf Club:—

"Team consists of Barrett, Beath, Cumming, Ferrier, Peebles, Roberts—proposed sailing 'Empress of Japan' 10 January—play eighteenth return twenty-first."

ANATOLE FRANCE.

Never has the award of the Nobel Prize for Literature been so universally approved as on the present occasion when it has gone to Anatole France, certainly the most notable of French living writers and probably the greatest author of the day. When M. Anatole France was received into the French Academy, twenty odd years ago, M. Gerard, who made the speech of reception, used a very courteous and charming image to describe him. He told the story of the fairy who wore a web on which were shown all the countries of the world, yet the web was so fine that it could be put away into a nutshell. That web, said he, is in the brain of M. France. He recalled also that story, which M. France has told of himself, how as a little boy he found in an old Bible a picture of an earthly heaven done by a Dutch painter, and the heaven was a little Holland scene with fat cows in the pasture and the horse waiting to go to market. "It," said M. Gerard, turning to M. France, "you had been asked what was your heaven, you would have chosen the Quai Voltaire, its parapets set out with the boxes of the book-sellers, in the background the noble and gracious shape of the Louvre of the Valois, and between the two embankments, guarded by its poplars, the Seine, of a morning clothed with a delicate mist, and of an evening rolling a stream of liquid silver in the light of the setting sun." That is M. France's world and his heaven. It is by the book-boxes of the Quai Voltaire, which he haunted when still a little boy, that he has woven the web which is so delicate that it will go into a nutshell. He has spent his life finding quaint things like that Dutch painting in the Bible, and weaving them into the web—legends of the Church, stories of the Ancient Regime.

M. France had said of himself: "The feeling for beauty leads me. Who is there who is sure of having found a better guide?" If that were entirely true of him, he would be one of the great story-tellers of the world, with his love for what is quaint in beauty (like that Dutch painter's heaven, and his great erudition, that has brought him into many strange scenes through the dusty and hidden entrance of the bonquiste's boxes, and his pure and most beautiful style. But he was not speaking the whole truth when he said "the feeling for beauty leads me."

That is only one of his two master feelings. The other is his desire to despise; and beneath the even and clear flow of the writing there is a continual conflict between the two. That is the irony of his character, and it has given a bitter core to all his fruit. If he has gone in search of beauty, he has been constrained to destroy it. He touches everything to show you that, after all, it is only a handful of dust. He is the satirist without passion. He is M. Voltaire living in an age where there is nothing worth fighting. He will take away the character of the world to show that it was hardly worth the trouble of taking away. Thackeray was very angry with Sterne because he could never describe a beautiful thing without smirching it. So with M. France, he must take a beautiful thing to find something in it to despise. He has shown how he looks out on the world in that great character of his, M. Jerome Coignard, who proves to you in the most jovial and good-natured manner imaginable, that we are all of us rogues. Like M. Jerome Coignard, "he despises men with tenderness, but how he despises them!"

You would not have thought such a writer would be popular. He has turned all the things most sacred in his own country to contempt. He has spared neither the Catholic Church nor the Revolution. He made fun of the Academy and then was elected to it. He has undermined his contempt a score of times. He lives as a recluse, and will see very few. It is long since he attended at an Academy meeting. But wit and the power to write beautiful prose can cover very many

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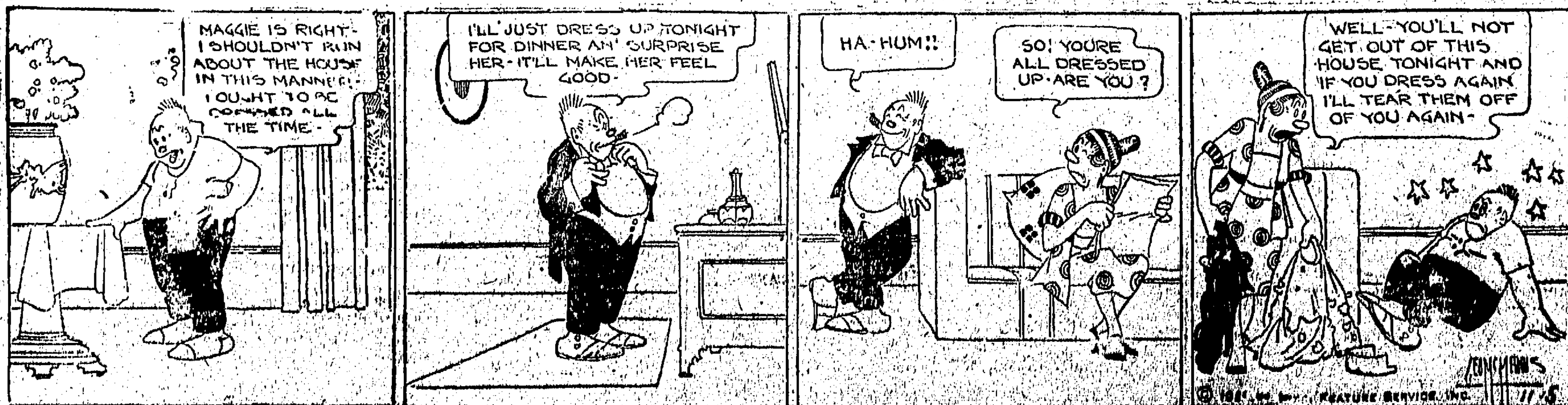
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But all Frenchmen do not bow to him. M. Romain Rolland has turned with hatred upon what he calls "the idle scepticism of the age which is just passed . . . the laughter without gaiety, the irony without grandeur." He is not content to be told that we are contemptible, however elegantly it may be done. He will not have man give up his sword, even though he covers the surrender with a fine grace and a laugh. But he forgot the tenderness. For M. France is sometimes sad without contempt. "To-morrow there was a time when that word held for me the most beautiful of fairy things . . . I loved life so much then! I had for her the beautiful faith of a lover, and I did not think that she could ever be severe to me, she who is without pity. I do not blame her. She has spared me wounds that she has given to so many others. Sometimes by chance she has caressed me; and in return for what she has taken or refused she has given me treasures beside which all that I desired was but ashes and smoke. Yet in spite of all I have lost hope, and I cannot hear the words 'till to-morrow' without a sense of sadness and unrest." There is more than a grace of style in that surrender.—*Strait Echo*.

The Methodist Bishops residing in Asia will meet in Singapore about the middle of March for conference on the opportunities and needs of this part of the world. The following Bishops are expected to attend:—Bishop Welsh of Japan and Korea; Bishops Keeney and "Irmy of China; and Bishops Werno, Robinson, Fisher and Smith of India. Bishop Locke of Manila will be unable to attend as he expects to sail about January 20th for New Zealand to fulfil his appointment as fraternal delegate at the Centennial Celebration of the introduction of Methodism into that island. He will also visit Australia.

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SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24.
 Shanghai and North China 3 p.m.
 "Shanghai," North China and Japan 5 p.m.
 Sunday, DECEMBER 25.
 Shanghai, North China and Japan 9 a.m.
 Haiphong and Haiphong 9 a.m.
 Swatow, Straits and Bangkok 9 a.m.
 Swatow, Shanghai and North China 9 a.m.
 Swatow, Amoy and Keelung 9 a.m.
 Haiphong 9 a.m.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26.
 Pakhoi and Haiphong 9 a.m.
 Tuesday, DECEMBER 27.
 Swatow and Bangkok 9 a.m.
 Swatow, Shanghai and North China 9 a.m.
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 Shanghai and North China 9 a.m.
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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28.
 Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou 11 a.m.
 Thursday, DECEMBER 29.
 Straits, Bangkok, Calcutta and Aden 2 p.m.
 Shanghai and North China 11 a.m.
 Swatow, Amoy and Fuzhou Noon.

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ROUGH LUCK.

FOR RAFFLE WINNER.

It is one thing to win a prize in a raffle and another to get it safely home afterwards. So Mr. P. H. Cobb discovered, at any rate, when he won a dozen tins of cigarettes in a raffle down Fookchow way. Being a non-smoker, he decided to bring them with him to Hongkong, possibly to give away as a Xmas present. He forgot that, from the official viewpoint, he was thereby importing tobacco, and when an inquisitive Revenue man found the cigarettes amongst his luggage, it meant a summons. Magistrate Lind-sell yesterday decided that the law had to be upheld and Mr. Cobb had to contribute \$25 to the revenue.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The O.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Japan" which left Hongkong on Nov. 23 arrived at Vancouver on Dec. 15.
 The N.Y.K. s.s. "Yokohama Maru" (European Line) left Kobe for Hongkong via Moji and Shanghai on Dec. 13 and is expected here on Dec. 22 and will sail for Europe via Singapore on Dec. 23 at 11 a.m.
 The B. I. s.s. "Gregory Aps" left Calcutta Dec. 9 and may be expected to arrive at Hongkong about Dec. 23.
 The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Montezuma" arrived at Kobe on Dec. 21 (1 p.m.) and is due at Moji on Dec. 23 (9 a.m.) and is due at Moji on Dec. 23 (9 a.m.).
 The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe on Dec. 21 (3 p.m.) and is due at Moji on Dec. 23 (9 a.m.).
 The P. & O. s.s. "Dilwara" is expected to leave Singapore on Dec. 23.
 The "Box" line s.s. "Dunklee" from Middlebrook, Antwerp and London, left Singapore for this port on Dec. 16 and may be expected to arrive here on or about Dec. 23.
 The N.Y.K. s.s. "Bato Maru" (European Line) left Singapore for Hongkong on Dec. 19 and is expected here on Dec. 24.

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LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.
ARRIVALS.
 Soochow, (B. & S.) from Canton.—B.9.
 Kwangchow, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Swatow.—B.24.
 Yingchow, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Swatow.—B.12.
 Kaitong, (B. & S.) from Haiphong, Hoilow.—C.46.
 Chinkiang, (B. & S.) from Shanghai, Fukow.—C.18.
 Shansi, (B. & S.) from Shanghai.—B.12.
 Changchow, (B. & S.) from Bangkok, Hoilow.—C.17.
 Pakhoi, (B. & O.) from Saigon.—C.45.
 Chun Sang, (J. M. & Co.) from Bangkok, Hoilow.—C.45.
 John Sanderson, (H. M. H. Nomaze) from Hongay.—Taikoo.
 Hydrangea, (Chiu On S.S. Co.) from Swatow.—Wharf.
 Van Cloon, (J. C. J. L.) from Amoy, Swatow.—A.8.
 Simaloe, (J. C. J. L.) from Kobe.—A.30.
 Jaxco, (P.M.S.S.Co.) from Calcutta, Saigon.—C36.
 Yokohama Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Kobe, Shanghai.—Wharf.
 Kwanglee, (C. M. S. N. Co.) from Canton.—Wharf.
 Shun Shing, (Po On Co.) from Macao.—Wharf.
 Wa Sun, (Pak Hong S. S. Co.) from Shanmi.—Wharf.
CLEARANCES.
 Seang Bee, (Tuen Kee Hong), for Swatow Amoy.—Dec. 22.
 Hozui Maru, (Y. K. K.), for Swatow, Keelung.—Dec. 22.
 Taikwa Maru, (Y. K. K.), for Hoilow, Haiphong.—Dec. 22.
 Agamemnon, (B. & S.), for Singapore, Liverpool.—Dec. 22.
 Shansi, (B. & S.), for Canton.—Dec. 22.
 Chinkiang, (B. & S.) for Canton.—Dec. 22.
 Hangchow, (B. & S.) for Shanghai.—Dec. 22.
 Yumihari Maru, (Man Wing) for Haiphong.—Dec. 23.
 Wing Sang, (J. M. & Co.) for Swatow, Teingtau.—Dec. 23.
 Deucalion, (B. & S.) for Manila, Liverpool.—Dec. 23.

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